

G R E A T E R N O R T H T E X A S

Orchid Society

MEETING AGENDA

- 2:30 – Orchids 101
 3:00 – Meeting Begins
 4:15 – Break
 4:30 – Business Meeting
 5:00 – Adjourn

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NEXT MEETING IS JUNE 3
 SPEAKER: DOTTY WOODSON

Native Texas Orchids

Looking for wildflowers? Try finding native Texas orchids. Texas has 45 wild orchids. These orchids are very diverse in their shape, color, size and habitat. The small, sometimes inconspicuous flowers, transplant and propagation difficulty have kept the native Texas orchids from becoming part of the horticulture industry. Destruction of habitat threaten native orchids as it does many other plant species. If you do find native orchids, collect them by photographing them. Leave them in their natural habitat. If their habitat is threatened, contact a member of an orchid or plant conservation group. Check with a local botanical garden, arboretum or nature center for information on native orchids, their protection and plant conservation.

Orchids are herbaceous perennials with 3 petal-like sepals, 3 petals, an inferior ovary and a column combining both the stamen and pistil. The sepals form a triangle with a dorsal and two lateral colored floral leaves about the same size and shape. Of the three petals, the two lateral petals are mirror images. The three petal forms a lip or labellum.



The configuration, scent, color or nector of the lip attracts the pollinator. The pollen or pollinia on all orchids except the lady slippers is on the tip of the column. The stigma is usually on the lower side of the column.

The Ladies' tresses orchids flower as early as August and as late as December in North Central Texas. I have actually observed them in flower right before the first freeze

of the season. Of the 29 Ladies' tresses orchids, *Spiranthes* species, in the United States and Canada, 16 have been identified in Texas. These delightful small fragrant orchids are terrestrial with fleshy roots. Look for these exceptional wildflowers in open prairies, wet grasslands, road ditches and open woods. They range through all of east and central Texas and the Big Bend area. The small white to yellowish flowers spiral around a 12 to 18 inch tall flower spike with 20 to 40 flowers. The basal leaves wither at or before flowering. *Spiranthes* are often found in colonies, groups of 4 or more. They also found singly. Once you find one *Spiranthes*, look around the area and you will find more.

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Hellos from the East Coast!

I'm writing this from the Outer Banks in North Carolina. As I sit here tonight in the hotel room, there's a shoebox next to me with some of my mini orchids (yes, Barb knows I am growing them!). One, my Haraella odorata, has been closely watched while we've driven

the 1400 or so miles to get here – kind of like an anxious grandma watching her daughter through the last stages of pregnancy. It had a bulging bud when we left Dallas and I was expecting a “delivery” anytime. Yesterday, it was fully open – a real beauty. And then, the unexpected bonus – I noticed a new little spike coming out beside the flower! Such are the little joys of growing orchids.

And the main reason why we get attracted, and then often addicted to them!

(For those of you who wonder why I didn't leave the minis at home ... I love my son and would like that love to continue for many more years, so I took the more finicky minis with me, and left all my other orchids at home for him to babysit. And he does a pretty good job!)

In July, we'll be having our first auction for the year. You can donate orchids or orchid-related items. We'll also be having a pot-luck meal/snacking time, so if you can, bring some eats to share. See you in a few weeks! (Maybe I'll have the beach sand cleaned out of my car by then!)

Lorna



Haraella odorata

ORCHIDS 101

Kathy McKenzie

HOW TO FERTILIZE YOUR ORCHIDS

Jerry Brandenburg will tell us how and when to fertilize our orchids. He is an accredited judge at the Dallas Judging Center and has been growing orchids for over 40 years. He has given this talk to us before and this is one you will not want to miss.

MEETING MINUTES

David Hines

Meeting Minutes for May 6, 2012

Jim Williamson led the Orchids 101 beginning at 2:30 p.m. The topic was "How to control unwanted pests."

At 3:00 p.m. President Lorna Kissling called the meeting to order. with 32 people in attendance - several visitors. Rhonda Whitson became a new member - welcome Rhonda! Lorna announced the upcoming orchid shows.

John Stubbings then spoke about "Orchids in Heaven" The top ten list of how they are sent to heaven followed by the 12 steps to redemption. My favorite was step 12: Get your plant awarded. Then it will certainly go to heaven. Nancy Cropp announced the results of the plant table. Mike Beber, past president, conducted the plant raffle. At 4:15 Lorna Kissling dismissed the meeting.

Plant Table Judging Results

Judges: Jeanne Thompson & Jim Williams

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE

Blue - Euanthleya Charlie Brown 'Hawaii' - Kathi McKenzie

Red - Slc. Love Castle 'Kurenai' - Kevin Fox

White - Ctna. Haleahi comet - Don Brigham

DENDROBIUMS & OTHERS

Blue - Den. atrovioleaceum - Sarah Hardesty

Red - Den. unicum - Charles Hess

White - Den. Cherry Song - Barb McNamee

PLANT TABLE

Nancy Cropp

ONCIDIUMS

Blue - Oncidium (unknown) - Kevin Fox

Red - Onc. Jason - Kathi McKenzie

White - Tolum. triquetrum - Barb McNamee

PAPHS & PHRAGS

Blue - Paph. Delophyllum - Mike Beber

Red - Paph. Triple Trix 'Peppermint' x togozen 'Perfect Circle' - Sarah Hardesty

VANDAS & PHALS

Blue - Phal. Gold Tris 'Syh Wei' AM/AOS - Kathi McKenzie

Red - Phal. (no name) - Jack Hickman

White - Phal. bastianii - Charles Hess

SPECIES OF THE MONTH

Cymbidium pumilum - Sarah Hardesty

Onc. sphacelatum - Don Brigham

Encyclia alata - Dave Gould

PEOPLES CHOICE

Oncidium (unknown) - Kevin Fox

DALLAS JUDGING CENTER

Nancy Cropp



Dtps. Long Pride Fancy 'Muppet'
 (Ihsin Sun Beauty
 x Ihsin Freckle)
 HCC 76 points
 Owner: Brandenburgs, Dallas

AOS Dallas Judging Center May 12, 2012

Six plants entered for consideration, one award given:

Dtps. Long Pride Fancy 'Muppet'
 (Ihsin Sun Beauty x Ihsin Freckle)
 HCC 76 points
 Owner: Brandenburgs, Dallas

ORCHID SUPPLIES

I'm about to submit an order for some stuff not commonly available locally (from Tropical Plant Products in Orlando). If anyone wants to pony on with me, I'm glad to handle it. Go on-line to tropicalplantproducts.com and view the online catalog. Let me know at our next meeting on June 3. I will hold MY order till then, in case anyone wants to go in with me. Shipping cost will be allocated by weight.

Regards,
 Jim Williams

GNTOS FINANCIAL REPORT

Barbara McNamee

Financial Report: October 2011 Dated: 1-1-12 thru 1-31-12

Beginning Balance:	\$ 6454.51	
		IncomeExpenses
Dues	\$.470.00	
Hospitality	-	
Raffle38.00	
Rent: 3 months,	-	
Snoopers	\$. . .35.00	
Speakers meals/hotel		
Marguerite Webb	-	\$. . .64.37
Miscellaneous – financial software	-	\$.116.90
SWROGA Membership Dues	-	\$. .62.00
Auction	-	
Plant Table	-	
GNTOS Exhibit	-	
Library	-	
Audit Check – Clopton & Co.	-	\$.200.00
Subtotals:	\$.543.00	\$.443.27
Ending Balance:	\$ 6554.24	

GREATER NORTH TEXAS ORCHID SOCIETY

Manuel Aybar
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SOCIETY HISTORY

The GNTOS was formed in 1954 as a result of the joining of the Dallas Orchid Society and the North Texas Orchid Society. The new organization was formed as a nucleus for a larger and potentially greater Society with an enthusiastic membership. On March 19, 1954, we were issued a charter by the AOS as the Greater North Texas Orchid Society



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! ORCHIDS 101

We have had a lot of folks come to Orchids 101 the last few months. It is a great way to encourage new growers and prospective members. Recently we have had a general Q&A session, as well as "Repotting", and "Growing Orchids in the Home". This month we will have "Moving Orchids Outdoors" as our topic. BUT we need more speakers! Please think about what you could talk about. Each Orchids 101 is from 2:30 to 3 ... a quick talk or demo, followed by answering a few questions, and you are done!

Some possible topics (or make up your own):

- Why doesn't my orchid bloom?
- Watering & fertilizing orchids
- Pests & problems
- How to photograph your orchids

Or, pick your own topic ... ??

Please reply to Kathi McKenzie at: kam6318@yahoo.com and let me know what topic you can do, and what month or months you could do it.

I'd really like to get several months planned so Nancy can put in the newspaper.

Thanks!
Kathi

MEMBERSHIP DUES

2012

GNTOS membership dues are paid yearly by January 31, in order for you to be listed in the published Yearbook.

- \$20.00 – New or Renewing Member (individual)
- \$10.00 – Additional Member (each additional person in same household)

Please mail completed form with payment to:

Barbara McNamee
909 Sleepy Hollow Drive
Garland, TX 75043

Make check payable to GNTOS.

New Member Renewing Member

Name (#1): _____

Name (#2): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

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E-mail (#1): _____

E-mail (#2): _____